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POLITICAL.

The Aligarh Institute Gagette of the 25th July says that as intercourse between England and India Egypt. is carried on through the Sues Canal, the British Government is deeply interested in the safety of the canal. About three-fourths of the ships that pass through the canal are British ships; hence evidently it is necessary that British influence should predominate in Egypt. Egypt was deeply involved in debt by Ismail Pasha, the ex-Khedive, by his extravagance. This gave the British and French Governments an opportunity to interfere and to establish a joint Anglo-French Control to improve the administration and to make arrangements for the payment of the debt. This foreign Control soon became unpopular, and in the time of Ismail Pasha himself disturbances took place. He was deposed and Tewfiq Pasha placed on the throne. Tewfiq Pasha readily carried out all the proposals of the Controllers, and their influence became still greater than before, There is no doubt that the finances were placed on a satisfactory footing by the Controllers; but the Egyytian officers, and especially the military officers, were prevented from obtaining any promotion. There are forty-one departments in Egypt. All these departments were placed under the supervision of European officers. The pay of these European officers. amounted to Rs. 37,24,910 a year, and about two-thirds

Circulation, 299 copies. of the entire annual revenues were paid to creditors. The Egyptians, and especially the military officers, were dissatisfied with this state of things, and raised the cry of Egypt for the Egyptians. They resolved to establish a parliament, and the Khedive was compelled to accede to their wishes. If he had not agreed, a rebellion would have taken place long ago. A parliamentary law was prepared. The Aligarh Institute Gazette then briefly refers to the chief points of that law, and remarks that if that law were honestly and properly carried out, of course it would prove very benificial to the country. But it was doubtful whether the Egyptians could give proper effect to it. However, England and France did not approve of that law, and endeavoured to thwart its introduction. The Khedive himself was at one with them. But the military officers, headed by Arabi Pashs, were determined to enforce it. They even resolved to depose the Khedive. On this the European powers appealed to the Sultan to send his troops to Egypt and to restore order. England resolved to take the work into her own hands, and the British fleet bombarded Alexandria. There is no doubt that the British Government was rather too hasty in resorting It should have adopted a middle course to settle to arms. the difficulty.

Circulation, 430 copies. The Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore) of the 24th July expresses

The offer of the services of its troops by Patiala for offered the services of its troops to Government for service in Egypt, and

observes that it was also foremost in making such an offer during the late Afghan war. It is to be hoped that other States will soon follow its example. In our opinion, the native chiefs should not only lend their armies to the Government, but should themselves lead them to the field.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 620 copies. The Oudh Akhbar of the 29th July says: - We cannot too highly praise the noble local self-government.

government scheme of Lord Ripon.

It would be a matter of deep regret if the scheme should fail through any default on the part of our countrymen. The one thing that is most essential to its success is that the members of local boards should be men of education, experience, good social position, integrity and public spirit. It reflects great credit on the public spirit of the Sarvjanik Sabha of Poona that it has decided to adopt measures to explain the objects and aims of the scheme to the people throughout the Bombay presidency. It is really the duty of every intelligent native to make his more ignorant brethren familiar with the principles of local self-government. The following matters are especially deserving of attention :- (1) The members of local boards should be on good terms with each other and carry on their work unanimously. (2) The members should take as much interest in public affairs as in their own private affairs. If the private affairs of any man prevent him from devoting sufficient time to public matters, he should resign his office. (3) No man should on any account be elected a member who is not fit to perform the duties required of him. With reference to the elections made at a place under the new scheme, a correspondent of the Pioneer of the 27th July complains that the members elected are quite illiterate men. They are rustics, strictly so called, whose daily business in life consists in ploughing and tending flocks. It is not difficult to see that men like these are unfit to manage local affairs. (4) At least one-fourth of the members of local boards should be English educated men. At all events one of them should be acquainted with English, as has been suggested by the correspondent of the Fioneer. It would seem that the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal is about to hold a meeting at Belvedere, to which all district officers have been invited to attend, in order to consider what is the best way of giving effect to the local self-government scheme. We highly approve of this proposal and hope that other Provincial Governors will also hold similar meetings.

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The Nasim-i-Agra of the 23rd July says that the whole of India is at present resounding with The same. the praise of Lord Ripon in connection with his local self-government scheme. Natives have been convinced that they have no truer friend in the whole English nation than his Lordship. Undoubtedly no Viceroy of less courage than his Lordship would have ever thought of adopting such a measure which is sure to be unacceptable to the whole clique of Indian civilians. His local self-government scheme and the elevation by him of a native to the post of Chief Justice of Bengal show that his administration will prove very beneficial to natives. We should offer him our most cordial thanks for placing the management of local affairs in the hands of local boards. But the question is what responsibilities are likely to be thrown on these boards by the Government, and what difficulties will they have to meet in the performance of their duties. They will have to make arrangements for the conservancy and lighting of towns, to maintain schools and dispensaries, to construct and repair local roads and buildings, to keep a police force, to make suitable arrangements for the reception of high officers at the time of their visits to their towns, &c. They at present receive aid from Government and other sources in the maintenance of schools and dispensaries, but the Government appears to be inclined to gradually withdraw its aid altogether from these institutions. In that case they would have a large additional expenditure thrown on them which would strain their resources. In future they will be placed in a very delicate position. Hitherto they had to bear the attacks only of the public. As the District Magistrates themselves were presidents, the local Government and other officers had no occasion to find fault with their proceedings. Now that Magistrates will have no connection with them, their proceedings will be open to criticism both at the hands of the public and Government officers. There is reason to fear that local boards may be made to spend their money in promoting the comfort of district officers rather than that of the people, because the members must know very well that if they refuse to do a thing which the Magistrate or any other executive officer asks them to do, they would court their ruin. If any of them incure his displeasure, he can dishonour and harass him in a variety of ways. He may issue a summons or a warrant against him on some pretence or other. Under these circumstances, it behaves the Government to adopt some measures to protect the members of local boards from being harassed by district officers through spite.

The same paper states that as a great deal has already The assessment of the been said by many persons on the impropriety of the levy of the licensetax, it would be useless to say anything more on the subject. We wish, however, to draw the attention of the Government to the heavy assessment of the tax. The assessors, from a desire to win the good-will of officers, generally over-assess the tax-payers. The tax is imposed on many persons who ought to be exempt according to the law. Probably some dishonest assessors even extort bribes from the people. When any trader objects to the tax assessed, the assessor should be required to show cause why the amount should not be reduced. The way in which objections are at present disposed of is far from satisfactory. When an objection is filed in the court of the officer who has been entrusted with power to hear such objections, he sends the petition to the tahsildar for enquiry and report. The petitioner produces ledgers and witnesses in the court of the tahsildar, but in vain. The tabsildar goes to the place where the petitioner carries on his business and asks one or two of his neighbours as to whether he is a well-to-do man and whether he can pay the assessed tax. They at once reply that he is a well-to-do man and can give more than the assessed tax. But the tahsildar does not ask them what trade he carries on, and what is his income from that trade. One may be a ramindar or may possess many houses and also carry on

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some trade. In that case he should be taxed only according to the income he derives from the trade. The officer appointed to hear objections has to dispose of several thousands of petitions. He has no time to make any enquiries himself, and necessarily disposes of them according to the reports of the tahsildars. A strange case has come to our notice. At Etawah the tahsildar demanded a tax of Rs. 25 from Ajudhia Prasad, a Mahabrahmin, for Chunni Lal, a Kanaojia Brahmin, on the ground that the former was an agent of the latter and carried on business on his behalf. Ajudhia Prasad paid the tax, but filed an objection in the Court of the Magistrate. His pleader urged that Chunni Lal lived at Cawnpore, and that his client had no connection with him. The Magistrate passed an order to the effect that the property of the petitioner was not distrained nor was any force employed to realize the money from him, and that as he had already paid the money for Chunni Lal, it could not now be refunded!

Circulation, 250 cop es.

The Sáhas (the Bengali newspaper of Allahabad) of the 26th July complains that some drug-The sale of adulterated drugs. gists, especially native drag keep ignorant and badly-paid servants and sell old and adulterated European medicines. These medicines not only do no good, but sometimes even injure the patient. In order to put a stop to this evil the Civil Surgeons should be empowered to pay occasional visits to druggists' shops, to examine the drugs, and to report the result of their enquiries to the district officers. If any man is found to have any adulterated or old and rotten drugs in his possession, he should be punished. The measure may lead to the closing of some small druggists' shops, but great good would accrue from it to the public.

Circulation, 550 copies. The Aftáb-i-Panjáb (Lahore) of the 24th July states that the Panjab Government begun to supply official news to the to the vernacular press.

the Panjáb, thanks Sir Charles Aitchison for it, and remains

that this shows that His Honor is really anxious to improve the condition of vernacular newspapers and to raise them in the estimation of the public. The people are at present in the habit of instituting criminal prosecutions against native editors for small things. This is evidently a source of great inconvenience and loss to the latter. We hope that His Honor will grant full liberty to them and prevent them from being prosecuted in this way.

The same paper states that it appears from some newspapers that the Chief Commissioner The appointment of naibof the Central Provinces has issued an tahsildars as sub-registrars. order to the effect that the naib-tahsildars in the mufassil should also do the work of sub-registrars. We highly recommended the measure to the consideration of the Panjab Government. The pay of mufassil naib-tahsildars in the Panjab is generally only Rs. 30 a month, and therefore some of them are sometimes tempted to eke out their small pay by unfair means. If they were appointed to do the work of sub-registrars in addition to their own duties, they would get commission on the Government revenue derived from registration, and thus would have a suitable addition made to their allowances.

The Aina-i-Sikandari (Moradabad) of the 25th July com
Kite-flying and letting plains that the custom of kite-flying among the natives and that of letting
off fire-works by Muhammadan lads during the Shab-i-barat festival lead to many fatal accidents every year, and urges that the Government should put a stop to them.

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POST-OFFICE.

A correspondent of the Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore) of the

The post-office at Nikodar.

24th July, writing from Nikodar, states
that Nikodar is a place of comparatively large trade. There are the tahsildar's office, the
munsif's court, and the settlement office there. Only one
delivery peon is attached to the post-office at Nikodar. He

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has to deliver letters at Nikodar itself and sixty-two neighbouring villages. One man is obviously not sufficient for the requirements of the place. The sub-post-master himself assists him in the delivery of letters. But his absence from the post-office causes inconvenience to the people. One more peon should be appointed. Moreover, a suitable building should be constructed for the post-office, as has been done at Jallandhar and Kirtarpur. At present the post-office is situated in a hired house. As the rent of the house is only 8 annas a month, the owner does not keep it in good repair. It is surrounded by the ruins of old houses, and a theft can be easily committed at it.

LOCAL.

Circulation, 209 copies.

The Lawrence Gazette (Meerut) of the 22nd July, in its local news column, states that on the Two natives killed and 14th idem three European soldiers one wounded by a European soldier at Mcerut. went to Sisauli on a shooting excursion. One of them fired at a peacock. Some small shots struck a boy who was working in the field. The boy at once fell down and began to roll on the ground from pain. His companion called his (the boy's) uncle, who was at a distance, and told him that the soldiers had wounded him. The boy's uncle pursued one of the soldiers. When the soldier saw Another man that he was about to be seized, he shot him. then attempted to seize him. He shot him also and escaped into a sugar-cane field. The trial has been going on before the Magistrate for the last two days. The soldiers have engaged two barristers-at-law. The people anxiously await the result of the trial. We hope that the Magistrate, who is noted for his justice, will not acquit the accused or let him of with a small fine or short imprisonment.

Circulation, 430 copies. A correspondent of the Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore) of the The metalling of a road 24th July urges that the municipal at Dharmkot in Firespur. committee of Dharmkot should metal the road which connects Dharmkot with the Firespur-Ludhian road at Mogh and is only 7 keess long.

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